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NPIC/P&DS/D/6-
23 March 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Contract [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE: [REDACTED] request for additional funding
dated 11 March 1966

1. The effort under this task order is directed toward the modification of the film transport system of the [REDACTED] Enlarger.

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Prior to bidding on this job, the contractor was given the opportunity of inspecting one of NPIC's enlargers; however, after the contract was initiated, the [REDACTED] representatives again requested and were given another opportunity to inspect the enlarger.

2. During the ~~east~~ inspection (in early August 1965) the specific enlarger to be modified was pointed out. This particular instrument differs from the one initially inspected in that it has a "cropping" assembly built under the film platten. During this meeting and on subsequent occasions, the contractor was told to initiate a change in scope if they felt that the effort could not be accomplished under the existing contract. There has been no indication until this date that the incorporation of the "cropping" assembly into the modification would be a change in the scope of the contract. On the contrary,

[REDACTED] has indicated since the meeting in early August that there would not be a change in scope.

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3. The contention that a change in scope effected the machining of the castings can not be tolerated. The equipment required to machine these large castings would not change regardless of this change in scope. The largest casting (that purchased from [redacted] required extensive modification and the ^{machining} ~~machine~~ requirements were the same as under the original design.

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4. From [redacted] request for change^(reference), it can be seen that the contractor underestimated the design and drafting effort required. If they had requested the change in scope when the change was actually made, such a change would be reasonable; however, at this point in the contract it is recommended that only an overrun be authorized.

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5. The additional funding requested is [redacted] above the original authorized expenditure.

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Development Branch, P&DS

Attachment: As stated

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